

# HOUSE BILL 585

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Single Registration Plate – Specified Vehicles**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue a single  
4 registration plate to the owner of a vehicle that was manufactured without a  
5 means to secure and display a front registration plate; requiring the  
6 Administration to adopt regulations establishing a means to verify, when  
7 issuing a registration plate for a certain type of vehicle, that the vehicle was  
8 manufactured without a means to secure and display a front registration plate;  
9 requiring the Administration to adopt regulations establishing, for law  
10 enforcement purposes, a means of indicating on a vehicle for which only one  
11 registration plate was issued under this Act that only one registration plate is  
12 required to be displayed on the vehicle; and generally relating to vehicle  
13 registration plates.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Transportation  
16 Section 13–410(a) and 13–411(i)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
20 Article – Transportation  
21 Section 13–411(b)  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

24 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
25 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



**Article – Transportation**

13–410.

(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this title, when it registers a vehicle, the Administration shall issue to the owner:

(i) One registration plate, if the vehicle:

1. [is] IS a Class D (motorcycle) vehicle, Class F (tractor) vehicle, or Class G (trailer) vehicle; OR

2. WAS MANUFACTURED WITHOUT A MEANS TO SECURE AND DISPLAY A FRONT REGISTRATION PLATE; and

(ii) Two registration plates for every other vehicle.

(2) However, as to temporary registration, the Administration may provide for the issuance of only one temporary registration plate for any vehicle.

**(3) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING A MEANS TO VERIFY, WHEN ISSUING A REGISTRATION PLATE FOR A VEHICLE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I)2 OF THIS SUBSECTION, THAT THE VEHICLE WAS MANUFACTURED WITHOUT A MEANS TO SECURE AND DISPLAY A FRONT REGISTRATION PLATE.**

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(b) On a vehicle for which one registration plate is required, the plate shall be attached on the:

(1) Front of the vehicle for a Class F (tractor) vehicle; and

(2) Rear of the vehicle for every other vehicle.

(i) **(I)** It is the duty of every police officer to report to the Administration all vehicles operated in violation of this section.

**(II)** The Administration shall verify whether the owner of a reported vehicle has complied with this section.

**(2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING, FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES, A MEANS OF INDICATING ON A VEHICLE FOR WHICH ONE REGISTRATION PLATE WAS ISSUED UNDER §**

1 **13-410(A)(1)(I)2 OF THIS SUBTITLE THAT ONLY ONE REGISTRATION PLATE IS**  
2 **REQUIRED TO BE DISPLAYED ON THE VEHICLE.**

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 2012.